

# Mott the Hoople

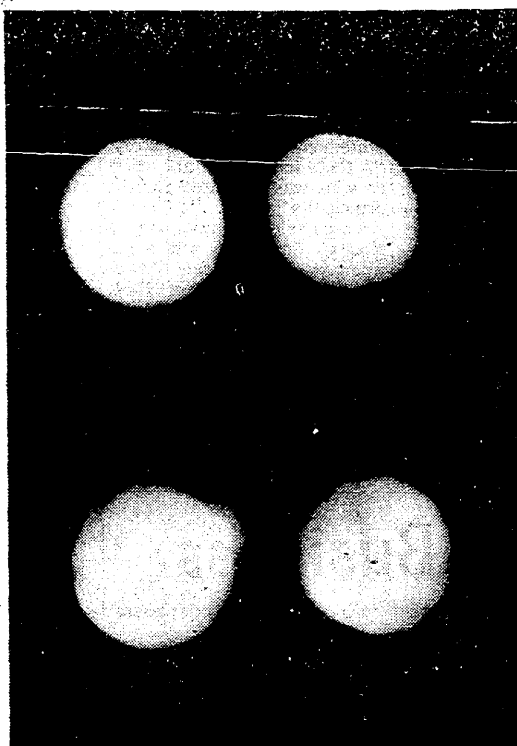
The night was wild — first at the Auditorium and later in the Grand Ballroom of the Pfister Hotel. The first pulse of excitement was generated by an emerging British rock group — Mott the Hoople — which pulled, pushed and prodded its sellout audience through the highs and lows of freaky boogie rock. The evening banged to an end, at a costume ball for some 500 invited guests at the Pfister. The party, which featured four local rock bands and many guests dressed in the now popular Gatsby era styles, was sponsored by Columbia Records and a local rock promoter, Charlie Fain.

Photographs by Ronald Overdahl and Lynn Howell of The Journal Staff

The time, the place and the music were all put together by Miss Jean Scocinarro of N. Bartlett Ave. as she danced at the party.



## The Heart of the Hoople— Ian Hunter



A local rock group, Uncle Vinty (left), was one of four bands entertaining at the postconcert party.

Guests at the party in the ballroom of the Pfister were asked to dress in Gatsby era styles.



A woundup fan, Scott Krieger, 17, of 5937 N. 67th St., jumped to the top of an auditorium seat at the end of the concert.

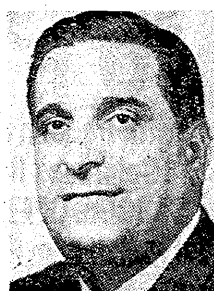


## Local News in Brief

### West Allis Sealer to Get 212 Hours' Pay

Former West Allis City Sealer Arthur B. LaBoda, who retired March 27 and demanded 360 hours' pay for vacations he said he had not taken and for various holidays, will be paid for 212 hours, Comptroller Henry C. Schreve said Thursday.

Kind said there would be no payment for the difference because of a city ordinance that prohibits carrying over a vacation from one year to another. LaBoda will receive \$1,450. Ald. Fred Cashmore, who had asked the city attorney's office to look into possible legal action against LaBoda for failure to produce certain inspection records, said Thursday he had received no answer yet.



Michael A. Durante

### Concordia President Lauds Liberal Arts

The new stress on vocationalism at many American colleges and universities may impoverish graduates while providing them with jobs, the Rev. Walter W. Stuenkel, president of Concordia College, said Wednesday at Concordia's annual academic honors convocation.

Although the work ethic is important, Stuenkel said, too much stress on vocational subjects may take the students away from a pursuit of liberal arts. "What is needed . . . is a life ethic, a total life view that includes a student's chosen daily vocation," Stuenkel said.

### \$1.1 Million Offered for Rail Land

A County Board committee recommended Wednesday that Sidney Levy, a real estate developer, be offered \$1.1 million for North Western Railway right of way along the Milwaukee River on which he holds purchase rights.

The recommendation is the first step in condemning the land for park use. Levy has 20 days to respond.

### East Side Woman Reports Rape

A 20 year old woman reported she said he drew a knife, forced his way in and locked the door. He fled after the attack. She was raped about 7 a.m. by a man who knocked on her door at her East Side apartment.

### Effort to Reclaim Auto Brings Pair's Arrest

Ernest Echols, 34, of 1520 N. Prospect Ave., and Lorraine Johnson, 23, of 3294 N. 9th St., were charged Thursday with false imprisonment. According to the complaint and the police report, Miss Johnson's car was

being repaired and she could not get it because she owed \$226 on it. The complaint said Echols and Miss Johnson went to the home of the mechanic, and Echols struck the mechanic and forced

him and his wife to accompany them toward a body shop. The mechanic saw a squad car and grabbed the steering wheel of Echols' car, causing it to strike a light pole, the complaint said.

### MATC Board Fills Vacancy

Michael A. Durante, a former member of the West Allis-West Milwaukee School Board, was named to the board of the Milwaukee Area Technical College Wednesday.

The MATC Board selected Durante to replace Lowell M. Vandervort, who resigned when he moved out of the state.

Durante operates Durante Insurance, Inc., 6019 W. National Ave., West Allis. He served on the West Allis-West Milwaukee School Board from 1961 to 1968 and on the West Milwaukee Civil Service Commission from 1953 to 1962.

Durante recently moved to 10330 N. Adams Ct., Mequon.

## Party

### Mott-ley Party for Hoople Fans

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choruses of "far out" and "what a gig, man."

The effect of the open bar made the magician's tricks seem even more mystifying after several hours.

Four local bands, Truc, Eden Stone, Seven Card Stud and the Uncle Vinty Show, played into the wee hours of Thursday morning.

The strange Uncle Vinty, lurking around the stage in his green alligator suit, provided a fitting nightcap for a strange evening.

#### Call It Charisma

The thing to do in rock music these days is create a mood.

### Democrats Ask Pitts to Return

Darryl D. Hanson, chairman of the Milwaukee County Democratic Party, has invited Ald. Orville Pitts to rejoin the party.

Hanson said in a letter sent to Pitts Wednesday that many persons felt they were forced out of the Democratic Party in 1972 by "the tumult before the presidential election."

Pitts quit the party then and campaigned for President Nixon.

Hanson said that Pitts, as a black leader, could best serve the interests of blacks within the Democratic Party.

Pitts could not be reached for comment.

A feeling of happening, of spellbinding excitement, of emotional high is sought by both the groups and the audience. Controlled hysteria is mass marketed through the use of all kinds of gimmicks.

Like all synthetic products, the phony excitement is usually a disappointment. But some rock groups carry their own genuine stage electricity with them.

Mott the Hoople doesn't need the stage smoke that comes pouring out around drummer Dale Griffin midway through the act. And it doesn't really need the glitter balls and the lights.

#### Gut Grabbers

Call it charisma or electricity or stage presence. You can feel it in your gut when a group walks on stage. And Mott grabs your guts.

Maybe it's because Mott is the original boogie band. When Slade and Black Oak Arkansas and J. Geils were still unknown quantities, Mott was boogying in England and on underground FM stations in this country.

Maybe it's because the band doesn't take itself too seriously. There is no surly threat implicit in the antics of vocalist and guitarist Ian Hunter, or guitarist Aerial Bender or bassist Overend Watts.

It's almost corny, a parody of the popular boogie bands who scowl and gesture and incite their audiences. The

band's humor is real and strange.

Something of a twisted Frank Zappa comes through. Something of a low keyed Alice Cooper surfaces. And familiar songs out of the past emerge like ghosts among the Mott favorites for a few short measures.

#### Hits Played

Don McLean's "American Pie" in a much abbreviated version, was the first song Mott did Wednesday. Lou

Reed's "Sweet Jane" found its way into the act.

The act is genuinely weird in a rock music scene where everybody wants to be weird.

Mott is in the midst of a triumphant tour through the U.S. It is the first rock group to appear on Broadway, where it sold out the Uris Theater for a week.

The concert at the Auditorium Wednesday night was sold out five hours after tickets went on sale. Mott has arrived.

## Doe

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ger had intended to relocate his tavern and move his license to the new location.

Calling a witness to testify in a John Doe probe does not mean he is suspected of wrongdoing. Witnesses are called to provide information.

Phillip J. Damico, of 5448 N. 13th St., obtained the license once held by Weissenburger, according to city records. Damico refused to answer a reporter's questions about whether he paid anyone for the license and whether a middleman handled the transaction.

Damico said he was bound to secrecy as instructed before appearing at the John Doe.

Weissenburger could not be reached for comment about any alleged role of Tronca in the sale of his tavern license.

Ald. Mark Ryan, into whose district the Weissenburger license was transferred and who had the last word on its approval for the pizza restaurant, said he knew nothing of the transaction and did not know either Damico or Weissenburger.

Several tavern licenses that have been transferred into Ryan's district since March, 1971, have been investigated in the John Doe and by state agents and the district attorney's Organized Crime Unit.

In one of those transfers, Ryan said he was offered a bribe by a woman and had turned it down. Ryan has denied any wrongdoing.

The John Doe is expected to resume early next week, and sources said Tronca be asked to return for more testimony.